



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

11/24/04
BC-47-04

PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending November 20, 2004, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) decreased 2.7% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, a decrease of 0.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending November 13, 2004 compared to 10.2 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
09/25/04	13,052	13,345	11,302	11,181	11,302	11,181
10/02/04	13,086	13,389	10,559	10,634	10,559	10,634
10/09/04	13,044	13,015	10,214	9,942	10,214	9,943
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,115
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151
10/30/04	13,799	13,314	10,787	10,807	10,787	10,809
11/06/04	14,064	13,554	10,123	10,760	10,123	10,760
11/13/04	13,201	13,074	10,380	10,553	10,380	10,553
11/20/04	13,508	13,394	11,445	11,139	11,445	11,139

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 11/27/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	63.08	62.02	62.59	61.46
12-City Composite 2/	68.36	68.50	67.90	64.79

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.